

REMARKS

The pivot and slider combination of ball 108, and slider surface 116 as shown in Figure 24, is mechanically equivalent to the pivot and slider combination of ball 136, and slider 144 shown in Figure 26. These sliders, 116 and 144, have the plate-like surface of 62 of Figure 14A, and each slideably engages a slide surface consisting of any of the following: the underside of a furniture component, a depression in the underside of a furniture component, a slide surface support assembly, a support block, an attachment block shown as 124 of Figure 24, or directly on top of a flat surface of a height adjustable telescoping column; and this slideable engagement comprises the first sliding furniture support mechanism.

Claims 336-380 comprise embodiments of the invention that utilize and comprise, and depend on, the utility of claim 336 for useful function. All of the sliding furniture support mechanisms in claims 336-380 utilize the "slider arrangement" shown in Figure 24 comprising slider surface 116 engaging slide surface 114.

Claims 381-385 are obvious variant embodiments of the invention of claim 336.

Claim 386 is a generic embodiment of the invention of claim 336.

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Applicant invites the Examiner to call the undersigned if clarification is needed on any of this response, or if the Examiner believes a telephone interview would expedite the prosecution of the subject application to completion.

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